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## JOB WORTH SHOUTING OUT ABOUT

SANDWICH is set to get its very own town-crier to broadcast important news by voice alone.

Current Town Sergeant Kevin Cook has agreed to take on the post and says he will wear his ceremonial livery topped with a tricorn hat.

Market days, anniversaries and major events will all be announced via the post, which could become a major tourist attraction.

Members of the town council agreed on the plan, which was put forward by market manager Tony Donnelly.

■ BY NICK AMES

However, full details still need to be finalised, including costs and the possibility that people will be able to pay for announcements to be read out.

Councillor John Scollard said: "Kevin has agreed to do it in addition to his usual duties, so now we need to work out exactly how that can be accomplished. We don't see it being a post regularly used to broadcast news – just important events.

"I know Rochester has a town-crier and some other towns across England do, but the post has in the main disap-

peared, so we feel it would be of interest to visitors to the town and be a boost for the tourist trade."

Town-criers were introduced in the Middle Ages as a way of announcing news. This could vary from royal proclamations, military victories or just local by-laws.

"As the majority of people could not read, it was the only way of ensuring the news got to everyone," said Cllr Scollard.

The town-crier would begin his announcements with the words 'Oyez, oyez', which is a loose translation of 'Hear ye' in the tongue of the Norman ruling class of the time.



## SUCCESS TASTING SWEET FOR CANDY

Ellen Munday cradles her pet guinea pigs Candy and Floss during the open day held by April Lodge Guinea Pig Rescue in Sandwich.

The day attracted some 200 people, many of whom entered their prize pigs into a range of competitions, including prettiest female, most handsome male, best identical pair, best pensioner (aged four and above), best bad-hair day and fastest carrot-eater.

And it was in the latter contest that Candy, on the left, secured her triumph, finishing a fantastic third in her first-ever competition.

A delighted Ellen said: "Although it was Candy who won, her result was for the pair of them. They are together all the time and are a real team."

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# Chamber boss keen to return after inquiry

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE former president of the Dover District Chamber of Commerce is looking to return as soon as possible after being investigated for fraud.

Cameron Macsween is hopeful that the saga is nearing its conclusion and that he will be back working at the chamber within a month.

Mr Macsween stood down as the president and director of business regeneration at the Dover District Chamber of Commerce (DDCC) last month after police began a fraud investigation.

The 69-year-old took the decision to leave the role until the case was concluded.

### Resolved

Mr Macsween said: "I'm hopeful it should be resolved in the next few weeks.

"It was individuals at my company that were under investigation and because it was my company, I also came under investigation.

"I'm not the perpetrator, more like an observer who got caught up in it. "It should be resolved in the next few weeks and I'm looking forward to getting back soon.

"I've put a lot of work into the chamber and wouldn't like to see it thrown away."

Chamber chief executive David Foley praised the actions taken by Mr Macsween and the work he has undertaken as part of the DDCC.

Mr Foley said: "He took the honourable step and stood down.

"He didn't need to, but he felt it might impact on the job they [the DDCC] do.

"Many businesses have benefited from Cameron's wholehearted commitment.

"By this action he has confirmed the esteem he is held in by those who work with him."

Chamber chairman Barry Williams said: "Cameron has been a driving force for development in the district.

"It is Cameron's own wish that he take a back seat for a while following recent media stories.

"We respect the honourable decision he has made and look forward to him resuming his duties in the very near future."

The DDCC released a statement saying "The Dover District Chamber of Commerce is aware of the speculation concerning Mr Cameron Macsween, president and director of the chamber.

"Mr Macsween joined the board in April 2009 and has made a significant contribution towards the regeneration of Dover's commercial sector.

"In view of the allegations made about a share transaction in his own company, Mr Macsween will be standing down as chamber president and director until the matter is resolved."

## Restaurant pirate day

A SEAFRONT restaurant is celebrating the Dover Regatta with a pirate-themed activity day.

The Table Table Marine Court restaurant on Marine Parade is hosting the event this Friday from 8pm and people can wear fancy dress.

The management are also asking for ideas for the Christmas party.

All suggestions will be welcomed and will land someone with a table for two at the party.

To submit your idea, email dover.marinecourt@whitbread.com with your idea, name, address and telephone number.

## Three teens arrested

THREE teenagers have been arrested on suspicion of attempted robbery.

The trio of 17-year-olds from Dover, Folkestone and London have been detained in relation to an incident on Tuesday, August 3.

A group of youths is alleged to have threatened staff with violence at the Euro Chicken shop at 9pm in Dover high street.

It is alleged that they tried to take money from the till before leaving without paying for their food.

The men have been released on bail. Any witnesses should call PC Matthew Smith on 01304 218187.

## Projects cash boost

THOUSANDS of pounds is up for grabs for local community groups.

More than £60,000 is being offered as part of the small community capital projects scheme 2010/11.

Dover District Council and Kent County Council are piloting a participatory budget, which involves residents in deciding how the grant money is distributed.

Groups whose applications are eligible will be invited to attend special community events in September and October and have the opportunity to give a three-minute presentation.

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**EN ROUTE:** The cyclists travelled through Dover on their way to Paris as part of a 300-mile charity bike ride in aid of Action Medical Research

# Medics join bicycle ride to France

HUNDREDS of cyclists have passed through Dover en route to Paris on a charity cycle ride.

TV doctors Dawn Harper, from Channel 4's Embarrassing Bodies, and Rob Hicks, who appears on ITV's This Morning and is the health expert on British Forces TV news, were among the riders taking on the marathon challenge.

The 300-mile route will take the

cyclists from London to Paris, with the aim of raising more than £1 million for Action Medical Research.

The first wave of 400 riders arrived on Wednesday, July 21, to cross the Channel, targeting a four-day journey to the French capital.

On Thursday, July 22, a further 120 cyclists travelled through the port, with the second group seeking a three-day trip.

The two groups will unite in Paris as they travel down the Champs Elysees to the Eiffel Tower the day before the Tour de France reaches its conclusion.

Dr Harper is heading a team of doctors called Team GP that is raising money for the charity's research around premature birth – it has special poignancy for her as two of her own children were born early.



# Miner finally installed at country-park home

■ BY NICK AMES

THE statue of a Kent miner that commemorates the hard work and sacrifice of men at the coalface finally has a new home.

The Waiting Miner is now sited outside Fowlmead country park, on the historic Miner's Way Trail.

A spokesman for the Move The Miner campaign said: "After four-and-a-half years we are delighted to inform you all that the Kent miners statue has finally arrived at the new memorial site."

"The site being purpose-built for the statue to sit proudly on the plinth looking down the Miner's Way Trail."

"In this position he will now benefit all Kent miners, which was why he was commissioned."

"We are also pleased to announce that we have been granted £5,000 funding from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust for seating, information boards and the plinth. These will be installed at the site as soon as we receive this funding."

The statue was commissioned by the Central Electricity Generating Board and was moved from its original site outside Richborough power station when the plant was decommissioned.

Each of Kent's mining communities had their suggestions for a new home for the statue, and eventually it was resited outside the National Coal Board's office in Dover, which is where it has remained ever since.

But many people – especially residents of



**NEW HOME:** The Waiting Miner now rests on a plinth at Fowlmead country park, the culmination of a long campaign

former pit villages such as Betteshanger, Chislet, Snowdown and Tilmanstone – felt that it lacked any symbolic significance in its position by the seafront.

The statue is seen as an important symbol of the hard work and sacrifices made by Kent's miners, and a group was formed to move the statue to a more fitting setting.

A plinth bearing the names of all those who lost their lives in the Kent coalfield will be the final addition to the site.

The site will also be home to the Kent Miners Festival, which takes place over the Sunday

and Monday of the bank holiday weekend, August 29-30.

Vintage buses will be on hand to take people to an event based on the miners' galas of old, celebrating the industry's history in the county.

Music and sporting events will all be staged, with young people to the fore on Sunday and adults taking centre stage on the last day.

The event was held last year and attracted thousands of spectators calling for it to be made an annual event.

The festival is free to enter and will see a tug-of-war as its climax.

## Window firm comes to aid

WINDOWS at a care home have been replaced at bargain price as part of a company drive to support those in need.

When the windows at the Sandwich Centre For The Retired needed replacing, the management team contacted window and conservatory company Elephant for some advice.

Elephant staff visited the site and said they would do the work at cost price as part of the company's support for charities and not-for-profit organisations.

The company also persuaded its suppliers to support the project. Solaglas gave high-performance glass free of charge and aluminium-supplier Sapa Building Systems supplied its products at cost price as well.

The Sandwich Centre For The Retired was established in 1980.

### Entitlements

Up to 60 visitors attend the centre every day. Some pop in for some company and a cup of tea, while others have their hair done or seek advice on financial matters such as benefit entitlements.

The county council provides up to 35 per cent of the funding for the centre, with the management team responsible for raising the rest of the money required to keep the facility open.

Jeff Sneller, vice-chairman of the Sandwich Centre For The Retired, said: "Our old windows were grotty, brown stained and horrible. Elephant has done us a great service and it's terrific that a local company is prepared to support a much-needed charity."

James Piper, production manager for Elephant Windows, said: "We were keen to help out as the centre does so much good work for the retired community."

"Elephant is always keen to support such projects and lend a hand to those in Kent."

## Join walk for clean water

THE water and sanitation charity WaterAid, which helps people in the Third World get supplies of clean water, is asking people to join a fund-raising event, CoastAlong.

The event on Sunday, September 11, aims to have groups of walkers on 187 sections of coastline, including the Kent coast from Sandwich to Deal, Walmer and Dover.

The individual sections are between four and 15 miles long, so organisers say there should be something to suit everyone.

CoastAlong Steering Committee member Sue Past says that 12 teams have already registered on the Kent section.

She said: "This is the fourth time that WaterAid has held this event but the first year that it has been nationwide, so this amount of interest in our own area is very encouraging. There are still opportunities for local people and visitors to get involved in the event."

Vanessa Ashton, WaterAid's regional development manager, said: "CoastAlong is a very enjoyable day out for everyone and you can choose just the right level of challenge to suit you."

"Many hundreds of thousands of people, mostly children under five, die every year from water-related diseases. Clean, safe water is a human right and the very basic necessity of everyone in the world."

## Coastal path plans hit by budget cuts

A PLAN to create a £50 million public coastal path around England, which would have taken in Dover, Deal and Sandwich has been cut back due to funding issues.

Natural England wanted the path in place in time for the 2012 Olympic Games as part of a tourist drive for the UK and to help show off the Olympic Flame.

But the Kent section – which had been put forward as one of the first to be put in place – has now been scaled down.

A 12.4-mile trail from Portland to Lulworth should open in time for the area to host the 2012 Olympic sailing, but five other pilot areas – Kent, Cumbria, Yorkshire, Somerset and Norfolk – will see schemes curtailed.

Natural England said it had to reassess its plans after a 5 per cent budget cut.

A spokesman for the organisation, which advises the Government on countryside issues, said it was con-

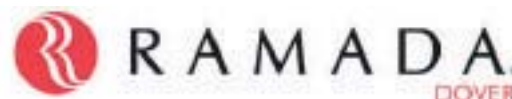
tinuing with the project in the pilot areas but any further plans elsewhere would depend on the Government's next spending review.

"As a result of a reduction to this year's budget, Natural England has needed to assess the scope and delivery of some of its in-year programmes," the spokesman said.

"Work at the Weymouth stretch of the coast path is continuing, but the five local authorities have been informed that the scale and scope of the initial roll-out in their areas will need to be reduced to accommodate the reductions in this year's budget."

"The availability of funding will become clearer following the Comprehensive Spending Review process this autumn."

In September, Environment Secretary Hilary Benn said the stretch of path around Weymouth Bay would open in time for the "lighting of the Olympic flame".



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**PAPER TIGERS:** Former mill workers took to the stage during reunion celebrations for the Watermark project

# Millers tell their tale with music

FORMER paper mill workers got together ten years after its doors closed for the final time for a musical reunion.

Dover Arts Development (DAD) organised the get-together for ex-Wiggins Teape and Arjo Wiggins employees who worked at Buckland mill.

About 200 people attended the party, which was held at Club Dover, the former Dover Harbour Board sports and social club.

Fifty revellers arrived by open-top bus, which picked up the former workmates at 11 stops across Dover.

The celebrations will form part of a new documentary, *Watermark*, which is being made about the mill.

The LA Music Club staged a performance of a song commissioned for the film by songwriter and musician Bert Osbourne.

Mr Osbourne worked with Richard Bundy on the arrangement of the song for musicians

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

from the LA Music Club to perform.

DAD co-director Clare Smith said: "Watermark is a fantastic example of how an arts project can provide opportunities for young people and support local talent."

Film director Marianne Kapfer and assistant Dominic De Vere prepared a 13-minute trailer for the documentary, which is expected to be released in early 2011, and showed it to all the former mill workers.

A reunion band, the Raghouse Band, featuring former mill employees, performed popular songs from the 1960s as well as original material, including a version of the *Watermark* song.

Co-director of DAD, Joanna Jones, said: "It was a privilege to organise such a special evening. Everyone involved worked so hard to make it a success and it wouldn't have been possible without the help and enthusiasm of the former employees themselves."

## Face the facts about sun damage

A HEALTH campaign is warning sun-seekers about the potentially fatal damage they are causing to their skin.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent is urging people to protect themselves from the summer sun. The 'Don't Be A Debbie' poster is aimed at young women trying to get a perfect summer tan and features a prematurely aged woman.

Macmillan clinical nurse specialist at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Karen Mackinnon, said: "Damage from the sun can cost you more than just your looks."

"Tanning and sunburn can cause skin cancer in later years, but some people are still taking risks and failing to use sunscreen with a high enough SPF."

"We are trying to highlight the ageing effects of the sun as this may persuade young people to take more care."

"Our advice is to enjoy the sun safely by using sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or more, cover up with loose cotton clothing and wear hats and shades whenever you are out and about."

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in white people. Malignant melanoma is a cancer which can start anywhere on the skin. Between 2000 and 2007, 1,480 people in Kent were diagnosed and a further 447 died due to the disease, 30 of these were from Dover.



NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent's deputy director of public health, Andrew Scott-Clark, said: "Rates of malignant melanoma are increasing. If you are worried, report any unusual moles or skin changes to your doctor. Finding skin cancer early saves lives."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Joy of six in Channel relay

A TEAM of six swimmers has crossed the Channel to raise money for charity.

The relay started in the early hours of Tuesday, last week, and took just over 14 hours to reach a beach along the coast from Calais.

Each swimmer completed an hour-long stint before handing over to the next, as the group made the 22-mile crossing.

Poor weather hampered the final part of the swim, with force five winds buffeting the swimmers and pilot boat.

Despite the slight delay meaning a 12-hour finish was denied, the team ploughed on and hope to raise as much as possible for Aspire, a spinal injury charity.

The swimmers were: Rosie Williams, a manager at Aspire; Claire Barratt; Lucy Ranford; Kay Hughes; Matt Drew and Charles Perkins. The team's reserve was Beth Malin, manager of the swim school at Aspire.

## Green Gang bug-hunters

INTREPID bug-hunters will get the chance to explore local wildlife as part of a summer activity programme.

The Green Gang event will see youngsters and families tackle a 1.5-mile trail through the South Foreland Valley on the lookout for insects. The mini-beast walk starts at 2pm on Monday and is free, although donations will be welcome.

The group will be meeting at the end of Beach Road, by the cattle grid, past the entrance to Pines Garden, St Margaret's.

For more information, call 01795 535504.

## Get your timbers shivered

A SEAFRONT restaurant is celebrating Dover Regatta with a pirate-themed day.

Marine Court's Table restaurant in Marine Parade is hosting the event this Friday. Shanty singers provide music from 8pm and revellers are invited to wear fancy dress. Managers are also appealing for Christmas party ideas. All suggestions, including tribute bands and theme nights, are welcome and will earn someone a table for two at the party of their choice.

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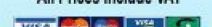


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## Trust aiming to get families into nature

THE Woodland Trust is inviting young people to head outdoors this summer and take part in the first national nature detectives photography competition.

Open to children aged 14 and under, the overall theme is nature, trees and woods.

The competition aims to get youngsters and their families out during the school holidays, investigating the wildlife in their back garden, park or nearest Woodland Trust woodland.

The winners' photos will be published on the trust's nature detectives website, as well as a 2011 calendar that will be available to download for free.

The overall winner will also receive a digital camera plus tripod.

The closing date for entries is Thursday, September 30.

## Hang up on callers with wild claims

BOGUS callers in east Kent claiming to be from Citizens' Advice have been phoning people to say that they can clear consumers' unsecured debts.

The callers have heavy Asian accents that are difficult to understand, but they know people's names.

A Trading Standards spokesman said: "The advice is to be wary of anyone cold-calling and never to disclose any personal or bank details to them. If in any doubt at all, end the call by hanging up."

"If required, there is free confidential and independent advice on how to deal with debt problems on the National Debt Line on 0808 808 4000."

# Strawbs founder recounts tales of a lifetime in song

SINGER-songwriter and guitarist Dave Cousins, who fronted folk-rock band The Strawbs throughout the 1970s, has just completed a book showing how he came to write his songs.

Secrets, Stories, Songs talks about many of the factors that inspired Mr Cousins's huge volume of work.

Much of it revolves around the countryside near his home town of Deal. These include the relics of the Duke of Wellington in Walmer church, the seashore, the harvest and the sculpture of a Battle of Britain pilot looking out to sea on the cliffs at Capel-le-Ferne.

Mr Cousins started his career in the folk clubs of the 1960s, once memorably playing support to then newcomers The Rolling Stones. "There were shows on Eel Pie Island in the Thames [in Twickenham]," he said.

"The Stones would be playing furiously, people would be jumping on top of one another to get a glimpse of them. The crowd was wild. Then in the interval we'd go on and do a set of bluegrass music."

"It went down well, though. The crowd liked it. But they never said much to us – all I

■ BY NICK AMES

remember is guitarist Brian Jones coming up and saying 'Like your music, man'."

Mr Cousins has just finished filming part of a tribute TV show to Byrds legend Roger McGuinn, which will feature rock legends such as Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty. But it was another US star who got him interested in contemporary music.

He said: "I listened to a lot of folk music and went to see Bob Dylan in 1965. He was playing Mr Tambourine Man and that was inspiring."

Another star who crossed his path was David Bowie.

"He used to come around for a cup of tea and his then manager Tony Visconti told me all about this revolutionary new look David was getting into," said Mr Collins.

"I knew his band The Hype – then they started calling themselves The Spiders From Mars. On stage in an outrageous Japanese-style costume – I was thinking, is that really David?"

"Anyway, we needed a B-side, so as a joke I started calling us Ciggy Barlusc And The Whales From Venus. I wrote a song which mentioned David, a bit of a parody and all meant in good fun, but he never spoke to me after that."



**MUSIC LESSON:** Former Strawbs co-founder has rubbed shoulders with the likes of Bob Dylan and the Stones

Mr Cousins had met folk-singer Sandy Denny in 1967 and she recorded an album with The Strawbs that has recently been re-released as a remastered CD. And the band continued to play throughout the 1970s until Mr Cousins called it a day as the 80s dawned.

"We were playing all over America, always our best market," he said. "We'd headline and then support acts like The Eagles, Santana, Frank Zappa and Lynyrd Skynyrd in front of massive crowds. But then I felt it had gone as far as it could, so I started to get into running radio stations."

A meeting with former bandmates a few years ago brought his career full-circle and Mr Cousins currently plays as part of an acoustic trio and in full band mode.

"We are off to the USA and Canada later this year, then across the UK," he said. "I'm enjoying playing as much as ever."

• To watch Dave Cousins play and talk about his book, go to [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### VIRGINIA HOWES



**Q** How did you first become a midwife?

**A** I married quite young, had four babies of my own and loved everything about pregnancy, birth and motherhood and was sad to leave it all behind once my own family was complete so thought midwifery was a way to stay involved. At 32 I went back to full-time study at university and arrived at my dream job six years later.

**Q** Why did you set up an independent midwifery service and what are the advantages compared with the NHS?

**A** I believe in the NHS and if I could work the way I do now I would never have left, but midwifery is more to me than just a job – it is a commitment to an individual woman.

After working locally in two different trusts for two years as a new midwife, I soon realised I would not be able to stay in such a large organisation. I wanted to be one-to-one with women, to get to know them and their families. Evidence shows that one continuous midwife throughout pregnancy and birth improves all outcomes.

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**Q** Would you say it is better for children to be born at home rather than in a hospital?

**A** Absolutely. There are still those who believe hospital is the safest place, but just because you believe something does not make it fact. Birth is a very safe and normal process, not an illness, and we have the evidence that for most women home is the safest and best place of all to be.

You rarely hear women telling horror stories about their home births, although unfortunately when they do, it hits the news because it is so rare.

All babies used to be born at home, then, with no evidence to back up the information, the public were led to believe hospitals were safer and a whole culture was changed. We are now trying to change it back and increase the home-birth rate, but it takes time.

Women and babies are more likely to end up with problems if the birth is treated as a medical event.

**Q** Do you think doctors too easily resort to Caesarean births?

**A** In some cases yes, but it is because they view childbirth as a potential problem rather than a normal life event.

They see the worst-case scenario and act on it, whereas midwives presume normal until proven otherwise. The more often something happens, the easier it becomes and the more normal it seems, but Caesarean births are not normal and should be reserved for life-saving.

**Q** Can you tell us about some of the most unusual births with which you have been involved?

**A** I travelled to Turkey last year to help a woman have a waterbirth and the Press hounded us as it was so rare. I have helped women having twins and breech babies, vaginal births following Caesareans, but the vast majority are just normal women wanting normal births.

The best home-birth of my career, however, was just the other week, when I helped my first grandchild to be born at home into his daddy's hands. It was an amazing family occasion and an hour after he was born we were all having a celebratory breakfast.

**Q** What is the most rewarding part of your job?

**A** When I leave the house following a home-birth, mum, dad and baby are all tucked up happily and have not been separated. After all these years I still want to run up to the postman and say "I helped that happen".

**Q** What role do you think fathers have when it comes to childbirth? Do you think he has to be present?

**A** What is right for one woman and her partner may not be right for another.

Some dads want to be fully hands-on and my role is to facilitate that. Some dads need to be down the pub and my job is to support them in that decision. I think couples are too pressured to conform to what society thinks.

**Q & A**

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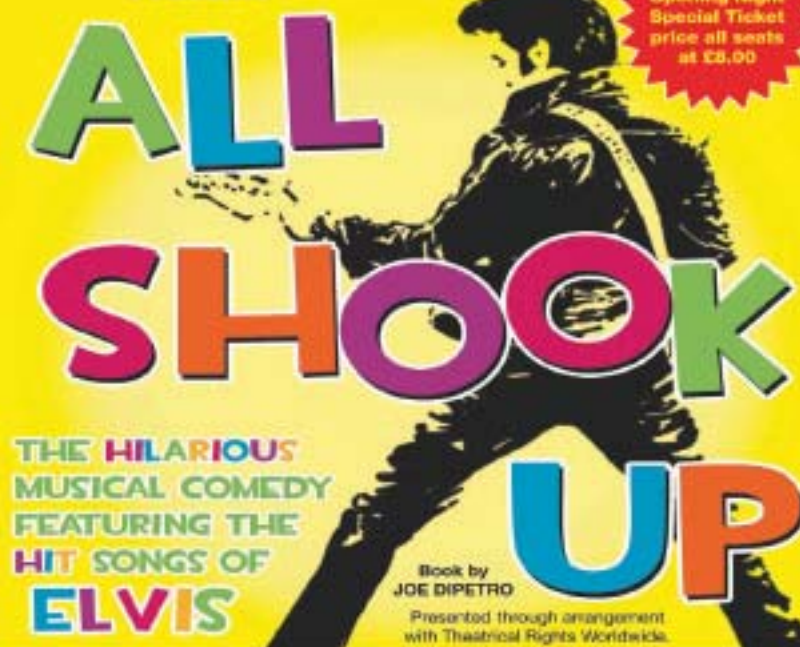
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# Police dogs 'bite' 50

KENT Police dogs have bitten almost 50 people in the past 15 months, according to new figures.

Of that number, four victims were members of the public caught up in police chases and, in one case, a missing person search. Four police officers were also bitten.

But the majority of those bitten were suspected criminals and in almost half the cases were being pursued by police.

Crimes included burglaries, stolen vehicles, suspected arson, fights and in one incident threats to an officer.

From January 2009 to June 2010, 49 people were bitten by police dogs, causing injuries such as puncture marks, grazes and scratches. In some incidents the dog gripped a person's clothing, which has to be reported as a bite, or there was no injury sustained.

In the four cases of members of the public being bitten, one reported a puncture wound

■ BY MARIJKE COX

to the ankle, two reported reddening arms and one claimed to have been bitten on the arm.

The 41 suspects – one of whom was a violent prisoner and another wanted in connection with violent assault – complained of puncture wounds, bruising or bite marks.

Since 2005, six claims have been made against the police regarding dog bites – three are now dormant, one was discontinued, another is ongoing and in one case the claimant received £63 for a ripped jacket.

Assistant Chief Constable Andy Adams said all Kent Police dogs are trained to the national standard.

"Handlers undergo continuous refresher training throughout the year," he said. "Police dogs are trained to protect themselves and their handlers from violent attack, and also

to chase and detain fleeing suspects. They help to arrest more than 1,000 suspects every year."

He said people who are violent towards the dog or the handler, or act in a threatening way may get bitten.

"Our force has one of the leading dog teams in the country and has won national awards at a number of police events."

In all cases except one, the breed involved in was German shepherd. The one exception involved a mallinois, a variety of the Belgian shepherd dog.

The Kent Police Dog Unit performs patrol duties, public order duties, explosives searching, weapon detection, cash detection and fire arms support.



## Get on board in rail service discussions

RAIL-users are being urged to unite with politicians and pressure groups to push for improvements to Kent's train service.

It follows a meeting between transport minister Theresa Villiers and Kent County Council's cabinet member for highways Cllr Nick Chard about problems caused by the High Speed One (HS1).

Cllr Chard is now calling on passengers to help create a united front to press the Government for better services.

"The rail franchise in Kent is due for renewal in 2012, or 2014 if Southeastern is

granted an extension," he said. "Work needs to start now if we are to shape rail services."

Since the new HS1 timetable was fully rolled out in December, services for the north and east of the county, Maidstone, and Deal, have been plagued by problems.

Some of the 'classic' slower services running between Maidstone and the City were cut and passengers from areas including Thanet and Herne Bay found they were paying more money for a reduced service.

To get involved or make a comment, email [nick.chard@kent.gov.uk](mailto:nick.chard@kent.gov.uk).



## VETERANS PARADE MARKS OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR

The second Step Short march took place in Folkestone this month as part of the countdown to the centenary marking the outbreak of the First World War.

Hundreds turned out on Sunday, August 1, to watch veterans and civic leaders from Kent and France head from The Grand hotel along The Leas and down the Road of Remembrance to the harbour.

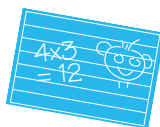
Most of the soldiers who fought in the First World War came to Folkestone by train and waited in rest camps on The Leas before leaving for the front. More than 10 million men are thought to have made the journey and for many it was their last glimpse of England.

The Step Short project aims to renovate the Road of Remembrance in time to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of war in 2014 and bring the town's vital role to light.

Shepway councillors, led by chairman Susan Carey, were joined by Folkestone town councillors, including mayor Tom McNeice. His counterparts from Faversham and Tenterden and the deputy mayor of Deal were also present.

Price correct as at 2 August 2010. Flights available to book now for travel between 2 August and 30 October 2010. Variable charges for hold baggage apply and some payment methods attract a handling fee. See website for details.





■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A MUCH-LOVED dance teacher and vice-principal at Brockhill Performing Arts College is bowing out after more than 30 years.

Jackie Mortimer is retiring from her role as director of the Saltwood school's Instep dance company, which performed its final show for the year to a series of sell-out audiences.

Jackie said: "I am full of pride for the teaching team around me and for the wonderful Instep dancers, but that feeling is tinged with sadness as I reach the end of a chapter in my own life.

"Instep has brought me, and continues to bring me, challenge and joy in equal measure. I never imagined 30 years ago that my decision to start an after-school dance club would lead me here."

Instep and Brockhill dance have trail-blazed and led youth-dance initiatives, including most notably boys' dance.

### Opportunities

Jackie said: "We continue to lead in understanding and developing the value of boys' dance in an educational setting, including informing the debate surrounding how to best stimulate boys' learning."

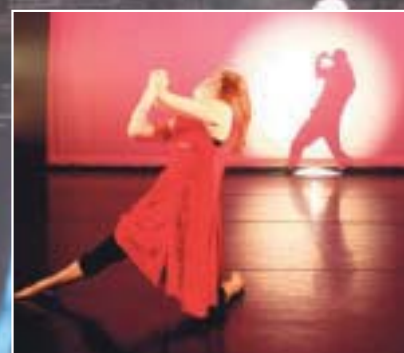
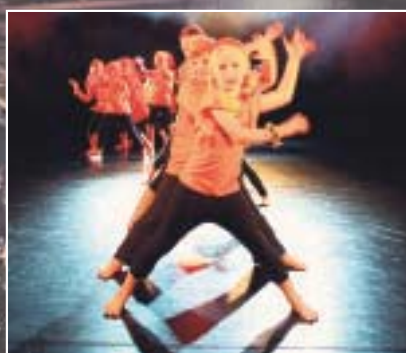
Instep offers opportunities for the youngest to the oldest dancer to share platforms, and membership ranges from two to 75 years old, welcoming all generations and allowing them to dance together.

Instep is also committed to the development of young choreographers by allowing the dancers to contribute, argue and offer individual responses to the tasks set.

Jackie said: "We are interested in producing young artists as young voices. As long as they are listened to, they will guarantee the future legacy of dance."

Jackie's work will have a lasting impact on dance platforms and she will continue to share this with her new part-time role in developing creativity throughout the school curriculum.

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# Births, deaths and lending books

A BIG shake-up in public services could see people registering births and deaths with librarians.

A six-month pilot project is under way at Ashford and Sevenoaks libraries where registration services have been relocated.

Library staff are being trained to register births and deaths, with registrars being trained to become librarians.

The changes are part of a scheme looking at how the services can be delivered together.

It comes after Kent County Council revealed it has to make £15 million in savings this year as a result of coalition Government cuts.

Although concerns have been raised by Unison, KCC said the trial would help look at

■ BY MARIJKE COX

the best way to deliver registrations.

"It will give us an opportunity to test how the services can work together to provide customers with better access at a more convenient and familiar location," an official said.

"We also want to explore how we can make the most of our premises and staffing resources across the county."

Initial plans saw an over-the-counter service, where people wanting to register a birth or death would have to do so surrounded by library users. Unison argued this would be insensitive for people registering deaths.

David Lloyd, the Kent branch's general sec-

retary, said: "Some people raised concerns about the way in which registrations were to be carried out. They were worried about the practice, where if you were registering a death it would be done over the counter."

"We think we have won on this point and it has been agreed there will be private rooms available for registrations."

Mr Lloyd said although there have been no formal objections to the changes, the merging of services is a concern to the union.

"We've not been made aware of any job losses, but this is something we will keep an eye on. Staff have not objected to changes, but there are worries about what is happening."

"We really need to see how it's all going to work before we bring these up."

Staff involved in the trial have been fully trained, with librarians in birth and death registration and registrars in relevant library duties, including premises management and staff rotas. A spokeswoman said: "The results of the pilot are being assessed and evaluated before any decisions are taken that might impact on staff in the longer term."

"Any changes to the terms and conditions and jobs descriptions of staff will be subject to full consultation with the unions and staff."

She added: "The Kent Registration Service has been offering birth and death registration at a number of locations for some time, including Gateways and hospitals."

A survey is being carried out to gather feedback from the public.

## My 'massive' debt to Kent

RESPECTED rap producer Lewis Parker says he will never forget his Kentish background, despite leaving the country in his quest for fame and fortune.

Years before moving to New York to work with some of the biggest names on the American hip-hop scene, a then teenage Parker developed his own style while living in a house opposite Canterbury's St Lawrence cricket ground. And despite now living thousands of miles away, the 33-year-old insists he is still a member of the 'Westgate Massive' that took its name from the historic towers in the city.

"When I lived in Kent the majority of people I knew were into hip-hop," he said. "I really embraced that and that's where my style was formed. Most of my friends were DJs, record collectors or MCs, and when my first record came out it was all about representing the Westgate Massive and giving them shout-outs. Nobody was representing Kent and Canterbury as hard as I was, and I felt the love back too."

Parker, who attended Chaucer Technology College during his three years in Canterbury, received his big break in 1998 when he released his first LP – *Masquerades and Silhouettes* – through Massive Attack's own record label Melanolic. But after five years, the London-

born talent moved to Queens, New York. Parker's career took off and enabled him to work with such stars as Ghostface Killah from the Wu-Tang Clan. "I don't give a damn where I'm living," he said. "I could go the middle of the Amazon and still produce the same dope rhymes I do now. I didn't want to represent just one area. I wanted recognition on a worldwide scale, and that's why I moved to New York – to reach that next level."



DOPE RHYMES: Hip-hop producer Lewis Parker

"I've always been the underdog and the guy who has an album but no music videos. I've always played the back role and I'm still in that same battle. People in the industry know me and respect me but I'm still fighting to get that recognition."

Last month saw the release of Brooklyn-based MC River Nelson's debut album – *The Rise and Fall of River Nelson* – which was produced by Parker and released through the World of Dusty Vinyl Records.

Parker said: "I was planning to release the album a couple of years ago but it was delayed when I got stuck in the UK. By the time I returned I'd fallen out

with my business partner and the album just got stuck in the pipeline. River and I decided to put it out digitally and we're still trying to get some physical stuff done, but we're both very happy with it."

## Cloned beef 'no problem' for NFU

THE National Farmers' Union in Kent said it has no problems with cloned beef entering the UK's food chain.

It comes after the Food Standards Agency discovered meat from a bull, born using an embryo from an American cloned cow, was sold for human consumption in Scotland.

Experts are divided on the rights and wrongs of the meat being eaten by humans.

The RSPCA wants cloning banned, but an NFU Kent spokesman said: "We understand there is no health risk posed by eating meat from cloned animals. The UK has a world-class cattle identification and tracing system which is monitored by Government authorities including the FSA."

"The 'passport' each animal has also contains genetic details. No cloning can take place in the UK. But in the case of a progeny from a cloned animal, the passport would identify the host dam, which is the mother."

Darren Griffin, professor of genetics at the school of bioscience at the University of Kent, said: "No-one has ever found evidence that cloned meat is in any way dangerous to eat. You should never say never, but I can't see a way that it might be, and there are all sorts of things we should worry about before

this. The issue is that people should be able to know what they are going to put in to their mouths. I think the two issues are getting mixed up here."

Compassion in World Farming said cloning was cruel because "many animals suffer in the pursuit of higher yields because they are stretched to the limits of their physical capacity".

But Prof Griffin said: "To say this is cruel because it physically affects the animal is stretching too far. The embryos are implanted and the animals are born in the normal way and, presumably, treated no differently."

The meat entered the food chain after two bulls from the embryos of a cow cloned in the USA were bought by farmer Steven Innes at Newmeadow Farm, near Nairn in Scotland.

Meat from one was sold on to be eaten after the animal was slaughtered in July, last year.

The second bull was slaughtered in July, this year, but was not allowed into the food chain.

The FSA also said meat from another offspring of a cloned cow had entered the food chain.

The animal, called Parable, was born in May, 2007, and slaughtered on May 5, 2010.

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## YOUR LETTERS



## I'm so hopeful that scheme will succeed

Re. the story 'Harbour scheme could fire town housing market' (July 28), it is lovely to read a good-news item about the proposed regeneration.

So much good work must have gone on in the background to make this possible – and I thank all who are involved for having the vision and drive to make this happen.

Folkestone residents also had lots of opportunities to comment on the regeneration plans so that hopefully their wishes will also be represented.

This development will be very good for Folkestone and I look forward to watching the changes as they happen.

Janet Holben, Sandgate  
Comment left on [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk)

## Lack of plans leaves harbour all at sea

There are no plans for the harbour development – as far as I see it at this moment in time there are ideas.

Having attended the consultation, it was made clear that it is very much an idea – there are no numbers even to how many houses or retail units or what kind of leisure activities there will be.

No planning applications are being submitted until some time next year.

So I find it hard to understand how major changes are being predicted when nothing is confirmed

Tim Fry, Folkestone  
Comment left on [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk)

## Our heritage is the future of tourism

I would like to say how proud I felt while watching the Leas Lift 'handing-over' ceremony.

Thanks must go to all those who financed the historic lift's revival and also those who campaigned so hard for the retention of this iconic machine.

Perhaps those with influence in our town can be persuaded to appreciate how much heritage exists in the harbour and seafront area of Folkestone.

Surely we should seek to exploit

## your blogger

Ian MacMillan explains why the petrol-head's need for speed is neither big nor clever



### DRIVING cars and motorbikes fast. Clever or stupid?

Having driven a car safely for more than 50 years, I watched with mounting anger a TV documentary about recently-qualified young boy and girl racers.

Statistics show that the arrogant, selfish and ignorant anti-heroes featured are a danger to themselves and others on the road and yet, until confronted by the possible consequences of their antisocial behaviour, they were quite happy – and indeed proud – to race on the road, exceed the speed limit and so on.

They seem to get a thrill out of speed, and the pride comes from the irrational feeling that it is them rather than the car's engine that causes the speed.

As though putting the car in a certain gear and stamping on the accelerator is macho and clever.

Wouldn't it be nice if this antisocial, dangerous and, indeed, childish behaviour was deprecated by all. But, alas, that is not the case.

Certain young boy racers make a lucrative living by driving cars recklessly and dangerously fast... Jensen Button and Lewis Hamilton, to name just two.

Money is one thing, but fame is another, and in petrol-head circles, this is best achieved by almost killing yourself.

A middle-aged racer from Kent shot to fame after a spectacular crash in the Indianapolis race and Top Gear's Richard Hammond brought out an autobiography on the back of doing something extremely silly.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering, contact the editor, Dave Mairs, on 01303 817022, or email him on the details above.

If you want to be the next blogger, then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of about 550 words) and email it to the editor.

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There are people who should know better who claim to see no connection between what the likes of Messrs Button and Hamilton are admired for doing and what the maligned boy racers do on the public highway.

As though, for instance, it would be perfectly acceptable for the NHS to campaign against smoking on the grounds that it is injurious to health while at the same time allowing smoking companies to sponsor a smoking contest.

Having watched the Tour de France and the European athletics championships, where the contestants hone their bodies to as near perfection as they can, it amazes me that getting into a car or on a motorbike and 'racing' is considered a sport.

Back in 1979 a motorbike racer wrecked my grass-roots career as a runner (a mere 19th-ranked in the Commonwealth over the marathon in 1969).

As age was about to do gradually what the bike-rider did suddenly, maybe I should be grateful.

But this is not some sort of personal vendetta against the petrol-heads. It's just that admiring them features quite highly in the list of things I find incomprehensible.

So, safety on the roads and banning so-called motor sport? Or the alternative?

Both is not an option.

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and capitalise on everything we have from our past and combine it with the new.

The combination of both art and heritage would work hand-in-hand to become something special to Folkestone and attract a wider range of visitors to our town.

Andy Cadier  
Folkestone

## Green infrastructure is viable alternative

So it seems Labour's Donald Worsley is awakening from his recent slumbers at last as he better challenges the coalition's cuts in his letter last week.

However, his party is still rather hamstrung while it is embroiled in a 'Battle of the Blairites' for the leadership and may not have any clear strategy for some time.

He and they could do well, though, to follow the lead of the Green Party and argue strongly for the Green New Deal which could well see up to one million new jobs across the whole renewables sector as well as in social housing and public transport.

As a possible example, look partly to South Korea, which has pulled and is pulling itself out of recession by investing in greening its infrastructure.

It has a way to go yet, of course, but such a programme is surely a better way for a government to go than what Messrs Cameron and

Osbourne are about.

Indeed, the latter say there is no alternative because the bond markets may downgrade our economic status if we don't tackle the deficit now, but just look across to Ireland, which carried out much the same cuts programme.

That turned out to be a disaster and now the same markets are calling them an economic basket-case!

Meanwhile, fears of a double-dip recession are increasing markedly because of the cuts proposals and it is clear that when consumers, businesses and the Government all cut back, along with banks failing to lend for new business starts, a full-scale depression could result.

The Government is also cutting far too many quangos, alongside the public-sector decimation already proposed, and presumably including many of those that would oppose the cuts in the hope that private business and the cheapstate Big Society will make up the difference.

Yet such would also likely allow businesses to employ only cheap labour and ride roughshod over people's rights.

Indeed, Home Secretary Theresa May has already warned her colleagues that the cuts could break the Equalities Act and so the Fawcett Society is launching a legal challenge on this point.

The Home Secretary, though, has at the same time cut the scheme that stops domestic abusers from going near those they have abused.

Total hypocrisy, surely.

Finally, some sense from the Tories comes from north Kent MPs who are opposing London mayor Boris Johnson's latest call for an island airport by pressing for investment in railways and other surface transport instead.

Ray Duff  
Folkestone

## High earnings that must be dealt with

The coalition government says the BBC executive are too big, earn too much and their pensions are excessive.

We say the Dover District Council executive are too big, earn too much and their pensions are excessive.

The coalition government means to sort out the BBC. Who will sort out Dover District Council and the other three district councils' executives of east Kent?

We need the majority of the staff of these councils – but not the four sets of their executives' costs.

Do we need four sets of executives for east Kent?

Reg Hansell  
Shepherdswell

## Leas Lift: the council gives its side of story

Recent articles in the local Press force me to comment on the actions

taken by the council in relation to its obligations under its lease for the Leas Lift with the Radnor Estate.

The council decided that it no longer wished to operate the Leas Lift but would be prepared to grant-aid another party should they wish to do so.

This decision required us to terminate our lease with the Radnor Estate. We knew that termination would mean that we would have to meet our obligations for any dilapidations.

The first formal schedule of dilapidations received from the estate was in the sum of £294,000 and excluded some areas yet to be examined, legal fees and VAT.

A second formal schedule of dilapidations was served in the sum of £683,000 and again excluded some items, legal fees and VAT.

The council has never disputed the need to meet its obligations; however we believed the schedules served to be excessive.

The council settled the dilapidations claim, including all costs and legal fees, for £150,000 plus VAT.

The actions taken by the leader of council, Jeremy Chambers, Kathryn Beldon and myself (supported by others) would, on the face of it, seem to have achieved the best possible deal for the community of Shepway. The estate has repaired its lift and the council has paid its dues under the lease.

The estate has agreed to enter into a deal with a group to operate the Leas Lift and the council has agreed (subject to approving a satisfactory business plan) to provide a grant equivalent to our operating costs at the time of termination of our lease.

It is fair to say that the relationship with the estate was difficult during the negotiations, but we are now partnering on other projects and normal relations have resumed.

While considering our position we entered into dialogue with Michael Stainer about a possible alternative solution and a meeting took place on June 1, 2009.

Mr Stainer produced some schematic drawings relating to his ideas, which would have involved the Leas Lift and some land at the base of the lift.

Mr Stainer was advised that in order to secure the support of the council he would need to produce a detailed business plan. No such plan has been forthcoming.

I do not wish to enter into protracted correspondence of the 'he said; she said' type.

The facts are a matter of public record (the council had a lease; the council terminated the lease; the council met its obligations relating to dilapidations under the lease; the council is prepared to grant-aid a new operator).

I hope that this letter sets the record straight and allows my officers to focus the time on improving services for the community of Shepway and away from addressing inaccurate and unhelpful claims.

Alistair Stewart  
Chief executive, Shepway council



# Churchill's finest items put in online exhibition

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

A VAST collection of Sir Winston Churchill material, from school reports to a personal copy of his 'finest hour' speech, will soon be available online.

The Churchill Archive Trust has agreed a deal with publisher Bloomsbury to make more than one million items about the wartime Prime Minister, who lived at Chartwell, near Westerham, available online in 2012.

Among the archives being digitised are some 2,500 boxes of letters, telegrams, manuscripts and photographs.

It will show not only Churchill's greatest moments as PM, including drafts of his famous speeches such as the rousing "we will fight them on the beaches" and "never in the field of human conflict" from 1940, but also his human side with material that shows his love of gambling and drinking.

There are also items relating to Churchill's menagerie of pets including the black geese, sheep and pigs he kept at Chartwell.

Meanwhile, a set of Churchill's false teeth, credited with giving the skilled orator his characteristically slurred diction, went under the hammer in Norfolk for £15,200.

Auctioneer Keys said the partial set of dentures was a spare set of what the Royal



**DIGITALISED:** Artefacts from Winston Churchill's collection will be made available in an online archive

College of Surgeons once captioned "The teeth that saved the world?"

The teeth, which were estimated to reach between £4,000-£5,000, went to an unnamed collector from Gloucestershire who also owns the microphone through which

Churchill announced the end of the war. Antiques valuer Andrew Bullock said Churchill suffered from terrible teeth and gums and needed complicated dentistry from childhood.

"The delicacy and special design of the teeth have been widely credited with helping Churchill speak clearly and effectively," he said.

"Churchill lived in fear of losing his false teeth – and hence his speaking voice – and insisted spare dentures always be on hand."

The dentures, which were sold on Thursday last week, were carefully designed to ensure that he kept his slurred speaking voice, which was a deliberate affectation designed to overcome a childhood lisp.

Other items of 'Churchilliana' also went under the hammer at Keys, including a damaged Victorian Boulle cigar box he gave his valet, sold for £4,500, and two packs of playing cards made for Churchill that fetched £1,000.

Churchill showered gifts on Norman McGowan, who served as his valet from 1949-54, and Mr McGowan's family entered 11 lots in the auction.

"It's not the sort of thing you give away lightly," Mr Bullock said about the cigar box.

"The base is split – which makes it no good as a cigar box because the air can get in. So that is probably why he gave it away."

When the Churchill archives go live on the web in 2012, schools, homes and libraries around the world will have access to an amazing amount of items.

## Traffic warden attack

A TRAFFIC warden was spat at and punched in the face in Folkestone on Saturday afternoon.

He was pushed from behind as he was about to put a parking ticket on a car in Guildhall Street North.

When the warden asked the man, who was in his 60s, if he owned the car in question he was spat at and hit in the face.

The man was arrested by police and taken to Folkestone police station, where he admitted the assault and was cautioned.

The warden said: "I have been doing this job for seven years and I am used to abusive language and behaviour. But being spat at three times is something I'd rather not experience again."

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### Audition for stage role

OPEN auditions are being held for roles in two productions by the Folkestone-Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society.

Auditions for James Goldman's *Lion in Winter* will be held at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone on Sunday and auditions for this year's pantomime, *Babes in the Wood*, take place on Sunday, September 5. For details call 07711 710952 or email [info@towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](mailto:info@towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk).

### Musical to raise funds

GET A Slice of Saturday Night when the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate hosts a fund-raising performance.

The hit musical will be performed from Thursday to Saturday and again from next Thursday to next Saturday. Tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door. To book call 01843 591750.

### Stars at jazz festival

WANTSUM Jazz Festival takes place at Ramsgate's Royal Harbour this weekend.

EastEnders star Scott Maslen will be there to support his wife, Estelle Rubio, when she performs onboard the *Proud Seahorse* on Saturday. Hamish Stuart and film composer John Altman will also be appearing. Christine Tobin and the WestCoast Soul Orchestra perform on Sunday. For details check Facebook or call 01843 850630.

### Live music at pub

ENJOY an afternoon of free live music when harmonica player Brendan Power performs in Canterbury on Sunday.

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### Kent is star of comedy

THE Kent landscape stars in *The Calling*, the latest film by Thanet-based company Medb Films.

Starring Brenda Blethyn, Emily Beecham, Amanda Donohoe and the late Corin Redgrave, the comedy drama was shot at Salmestone Grange in Margate and in other parts of Thanet. The DVD is available from Monday and can be pre-ordered at [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk).



# Join sailing set for week of fun

## RAMSGATE WEEK

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SPECTATORS can look forward to thrilling action on the high seas when Ramsgate Week gets under way.

Renowned for being one of the friendliest regattas in the country, Ramsgate Week attracts entrants from all over the country and even further afield. Sailors from Belgium, France and Holland will be making the trip across the Channel to take part in the fun next week.

Despite the stiff competition and fierce rivalries encountered out on the water, the event is well-known for its warm and welcoming atmosphere, and competitors find plenty of time to relax together after the races.

Hosted by the Royal Temple Yacht Club, the regatta offers events for serious racers in the IRC class and also gives the chance for competitive fun in the Cruiser class.

In collaboration with Broadstairs Sailing Club, the new dinghy sailing weekend will take place from Broadstairs on the Saturday and Sunday.

The action can be seen from the safety of dry land, so spectators do not need to leave the shore to enjoy the entertainment. From the Eastern pier head, it is possible to see the boats in the Cruiser class jostle for position at the RTYC start line. A warning signal starts the race sequence and Ramsgate's Mayor, Cllr David Green, will fire the first cannon at 10.25am on Monday.

Competitors in the IRC classes will start their races offshore and people on the shore can see them head out to the start line before the races get under way at 10am. Spectators should also look out for the colourful spinnakers that can be seen 'flying' out in front of the boats.

"As well as being a truly international event, Ramsgate Week is a family-friendly regatta," said Commodore Mike Brand.

"The harbour becomes a hive of activity and yachtsmen benefit from the excellent sailing conditions off Ramsgate. We are looking forward to welcoming all participants to the event and providing the spectators with something great to watch."

The racing programme includes the IRC classes 1 to 3 series of coastal races, with one taking place each day from Monday to

Wednesday. The race taking place on Wednesday is the famous Round the Goodwin Sands Noot Cup.

IRC International Regatta Series features three races on Thursday, two on Friday and two on Sunday. Running from Friday to Saturday, the SailEAST four-race series is also part of the IRC International Regatta Series and is a highly competitive event.

International teams will compete in the new Commodores Cup for Half Tonners and seven races make up the X-35 class, which takes place over Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There will be three cruiser classes between Monday and Saturday – class five is an unrestricted cruiser class with spinnakers, class six is for fast cruisers without spinnakers and class seven features slow cruisers without spinnakers.

The Dinghy Regatta features six races taking place from Broadstairs across the Saturday and Sunday.

Evening entertainment can be enjoyed at the Royal Temple Yacht Club, and there will be a children's area in the Hold Bar.

For more information, download the brochure from the website at [www.ramsgate-week.com](http://www.ramsgate-week.com) or [www.rtyc.com](http://www.rtyc.com).





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## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Friday, August 13, Strode Park, Herne Bay



CHAPTERHOUSE presents an enchanting version of popular fairytale, *Beauty and the Beast*.

Laura Turner's interpretation of the much-loved story adds extra magic to the tale, in this family production. The show visits Strode Park as part of a summer tour of outdoor venues, and the open-air setting will add atmosphere to the evening.

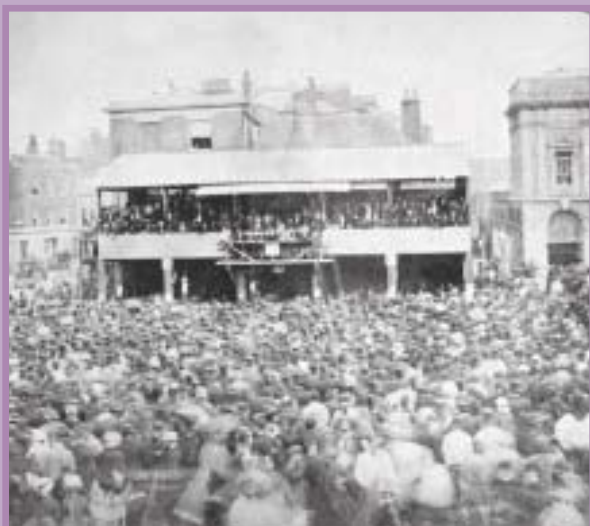
Set in the 1940s, the play opens with Louisa and her friends transforming her garden into a magical backdrop for the romantic story.

When a beautiful young girl is forced to live in a spooky old cas-

tle, she is at first afraid of her scary host. But eventually friendship blossoms and she begins to see past the monstrous exterior to the man inside.

Audience members who go along in fancy dress can join Louisa and her friends in a fairytale parade during the interval.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £11 for adults, £7 for students and children and £32 for families of four. To book call Strode Park on 01227 373292, See Tickets on 0871 220 0260 or visit [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com).



## THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Thursday, August 12, Former Stagecoach bus depot, Dover

LEND your voice to art and help to create the soundtrack for Marjorie Van Halteren's new short film.

The radio producer and sound artist is appealing for residents of Dover town and district to take part in her latest project. On Thursday she will be directing a live sound performance for her 3.5-minute film, which will be shown on Dover's Big Screen later this year.

Her film includes archive photos of the spot where the Big Screen is located today and includes election hustings. It

was here that in the past, election candidates would stand in front of the public and watch votes being counted in real time.

Using a wide assortment of materials from baking trays to coconut shells, Van Halteren wants local people to create the soundtrack for the film, *The Voice of the People*. The event takes place from 3-7pm and people can join in at any time.

*The Voice of the People* is part of the contemporary visual arts project, *From A to B*, which runs in Dover town centre from September 10 to October 16.

## GULBENKIAN'S NEW SEASON

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FROM top names in comedy to a dramatic icon, there is plenty to enjoy at the Gulbenkian.

Belly laughs will abound when Canterbury welcomes Ardal O'Hanlon, Rich Hall, Micky Flanagan, Julian Clary, Chris Addison, Tommy Tiernan, Brendon Burns, Greg Davies, Mitch Benn and his *Distractions*, comic ventriloquist Paul Zerdin and Jenny Eclair, pictured.

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Quality drama continues with *The Caretaker*, *A Doll's House*, *Kupenga Kwa Hamlet* and *La Bohème*, also actor, writer and director Steven Berkoff will talk about his career.

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For full listings visit [www.thegulbenkian.co.uk](http://www.thegulbenkian.co.uk)



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Saturday, August 14, and Sunday, August 15  
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On both days, children's face painting will be on offer from 10.30am to 11.30am, adult face painting runs from 10.30am to noon and adult body painting sessions run from 11am to 4pm. There will be presentations in all three categories in the afternoons.

Admission costs £3 for adults, £1.50 for children and £6 for families of two adults and up to two children.

Tickets can be bought in advance on the website and there is also an online gallery where visitors can see previous examples of artists' work.

Details of the programme are also available.

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## PRIVATE FEARS IN PUBLIC PLACES



Thursday, August 12, to Saturday, August 14  
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Alan Ayckbourn's play – widely considered to be his masterpiece – is the latest production in the Sarah Thorne Summer Repertory Season. Four stories throw lives together as the six main characters search for warmth in an uncaring city.

Dan and Nicola are flat-hunting, but Nicola begins to feel she has no future with Dan and he places an advert with a dating agency.

Estate agent Charlotte surprises her colleague Stewart by giving him a video of a faith film, with an unexpected addition.

Stewart and his sister Imogen keep secrets from each other as he enjoys the tape's hidden extra and Imogen goes out on a blind date. Meanwhile, Charlotte takes extra work as a carer for Arthur and meets his downtrodden son, Ambrose.

Tickets cost £10.50 for Sarah Thorne Theatre Club members and £12.50 for non-members who must book at least 24 hours in advance. To book call 0845 262 6263 or email [info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](mailto:info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk).





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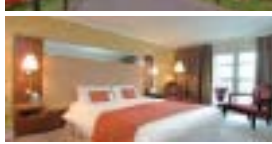
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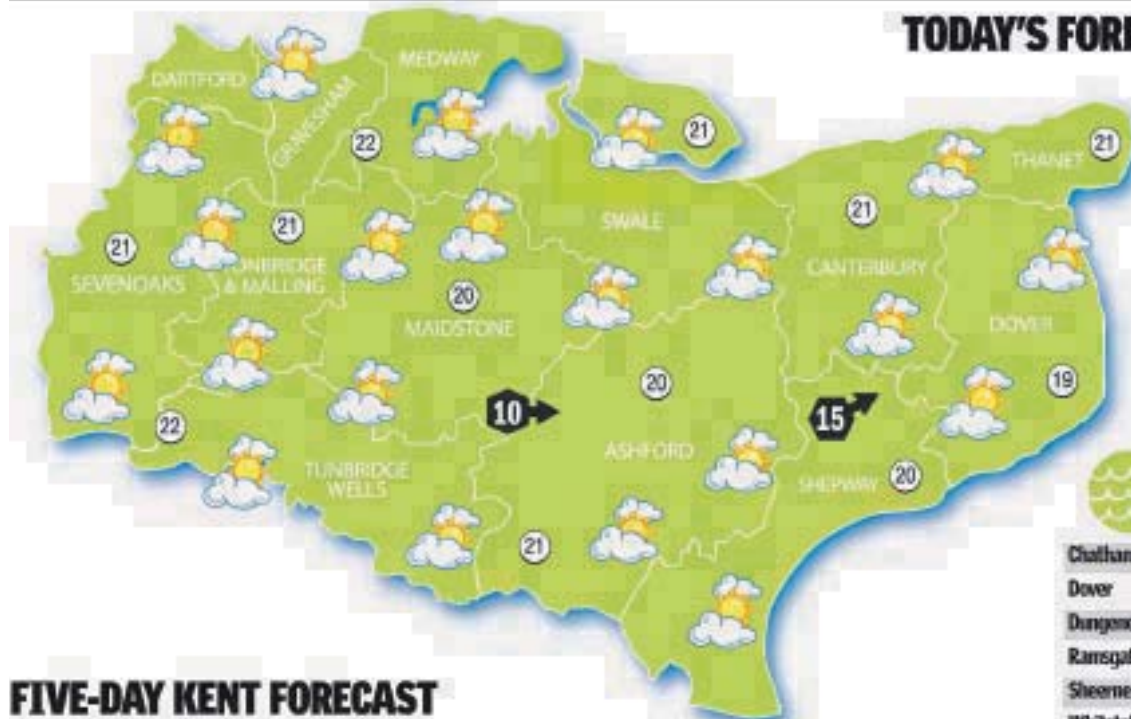
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Chatham	Saturday	4:32pm 6.5m	Sunday	5:16pm 6.3m
Dover	Saturday	2:54pm 7.0m	Sunday	3:36pm 6.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:46pm 8.1m	Sunday	3:30pm 7.8m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:21pm 5.3m	Sunday	4:06pm 5.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:22pm 6.3m	Sunday	5:05pm 5.9m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:30pm 5.7m	Sunday	5:12pm 5.5m



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Good old Shepherd's Pie becomes Caribbean Spiced Shepherd's Pie, pork chops are transformed into Pork Chops Calypso, a simple fish supper becomes Smoked Fish Choka and a classic dessert is remodelled into Mango, Banana and Passion Fruit Trifle.

Hundreds of people queued to meet the man himself at the Waterstones store at Bluewater, on the August 4. But if you didn't make it down there, fear not, Levi Roots signed ten copies of his book, courtesy of Bluewater, Europe's leading retail and leisure destination.

Simply answer the question below for your chance to win this extra special, signed copy of Levi Roots 'Food For Friends', worth £18.99, by Mitchell Beazley:

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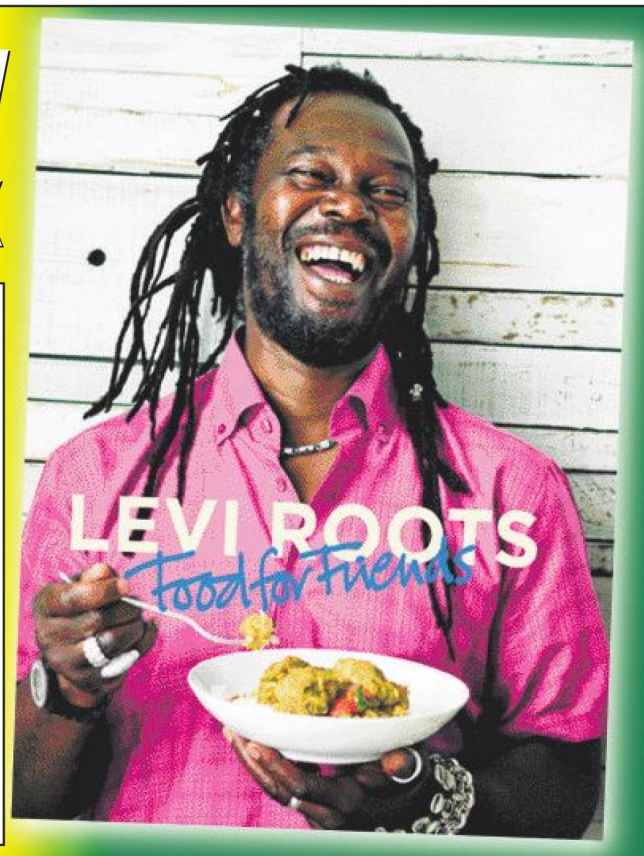
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# Action, pace and laughs fail to help stars shine in characterless caper

■ BY DAMON SMITH

TOM Cruise and Cameron Diaz have starred in some of the most financially successful and critically acclaimed films of the past 25 years, collecting numerous awards for their efforts.

Yet put these two Hollywood superstars in the same camera shot and the results are lacklustre to say the least.

Their first collaboration, *Vanilla Sky*, an English language remake of the clever Spanish thriller *Abre Los Ojos* (*Open Your Eyes*), was confusing, illogical and uninvolved, and lacked the style and intelligence of Alejandro Amenabar's original film.

## Experience

Now these two talented actors reunite for James Mangold's fast-paced action comedy that has lots of crash and bang, but almost no emotional wallop.

There is a seed of a good idea in Patrick O'Neill's screenplay but the actor turned writer doesn't yet have the experience to knit together the comedy and action elements into a fluid and coherent narrative.

Screen chemistry between the leads never catches fire, even when entire buildings are exploding around them.

June Havens (Diaz) is an unassuming Midwestern gal, who is in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Boarding a flight bound for Boston, June is unexpectedly caught in the crossfire of a mid-air shoot-out between paranoid government agent Roy Miller (Cruise) and gun-toting assassins.

"I shot the first pilot, he shot the second... it's just one of those things," smirks Roy nervously.

June wakes the next morning, in her bed, believing that her high altitude adventure was



**LEARNING CURVE:** June Havens (Diaz) has to learn the tricks of the spy trade fast if she is to stay alive after getting caught up with government agent Roy Miller (Cruise)

nothing more than a bad dream, only for Miller to abduct her from a diner in front of would-be suitor, Rodney (Marc Blucas).

The young woman is now marked for death, and must quickly learn the tricks of the spy trade to stay alive and avoid an early grave at the hands of Antonio (Jordi Molla) and his henchmen.

Meanwhile, CIA Agent Fitzgerald (Peter Sarsgaard) attempts to persuade June that Roy is a rogue spy who must be stopped before he hands a newly-discovered perpetual energy

source to US enemies.

*Knight And Day* gallops across the globe, from Boston to Salzburg and finally to Seville for a spectacular finale during a bull run.

Cruise limbers up for the physical demands of *Mission: Impossible IV*, scheduled for release next summer, with a series of bruising stunt sequences and Diaz gets battered too behind the wheel of a car in the centrepiece chase.

However, it's hard to muster concern for Roy and June when the screenplay pays such scant

attention to character development.

Myriad villains are cardboard cut-outs.

The twist is heavily signposted and the stars seem to be bulletproof when it matters, emerging from the melee virtually unscathed when lesser mortals would be riddled with bullets and bound for the mortuary slab.

**KNIGHT AND DAY**   
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**A LIFE ON SHOW:** Rafe Spall as Pete, whose every move is subject to scrutiny



## YOUR TV REVIEW PETE VERSUS LIFE: Channel 4, 10pm, Friday

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

ASIDE from the now infamous vuvuzela, the constant din of recent months has been football pundits the world over dissecting and commenting on every dive, kick and pass during the World Cup.

If you imagine the very same comment and analysis on the mundanity of your day-to-day existence, then you've got the premise of Channel 4's new comedy series *Pete Versus Life*.

At the centre of the narrative is Pete Griffiths, a struggling young sports journalist who lacks the necessary social antenna to steer him smoothly through life, resulting in him getting into all sorts of embarrassing scrapes and situations.

Unbeknown to Pete, there are two sports commentators analysing his every move and choice, as if it's an exciting sports event, complete with sports graphics and opinions from

guest stars, including sex expert Tracey Cox and relationship guru Claire Rayner.

Pete is played by Rafe Spall, the 27-year-old and son of veteran actor Timothy.

He says: "It's a really interesting premise, it hasn't been done before and he's great character."

"Pete's a sort of idiot but also quite bright at the same time and he's got a good heart, but he gets himself into terrible situations by lying most of the time."

Making Pete likeable has proved the toughest challenge.

"Even though Pete does these terrible things and he's amoral and a liar, you've still got to like him," says Rafe. "You have to want him to do well, to


get the job, to get the girl and that was a tricky conundrum to solve."

He hopes he's achieved that by having Pete remain oblivious to his own gauche nature.

"I think that's the only way you can get through it," he says. "An inspiration to me and the writers is *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. You hate Larry David but you love him as well. Everything that Larry does, even when he gets himself into terrible situations, he's doing it to help other people and later on in the series Pete's doing that. He has the best of intentions, even if he gets undone."

The first episode saw Pete impress a girl when he lied about his commitment to green issues, before wrecking the first meeting with her parents through inappropriate remarks, and giving her mother a rape alarm as a gift.





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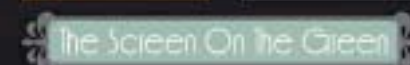
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# yourmusic

## Festival becomes stuff of folklore



**FESTIVAL FEVER:** Pama International are on the line-up for Broadstairs Folk Week

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

FOLK fans should head to Broadstairs for the final few days of the annual music festival.

Hundreds of acts have played at venues in the seaside town since the seven-day festival opened last week and plenty more will do so before the curtain is brought down by Ade Edmondson and his Bad Shepherds this Friday night.

Other big names in the folk and country scene due to play in Broadstairs include Doug Hudson, Pama International and Dronhe (all performing tonight) Three Sheets to the Wind, Jeff Warner and Martin Simpson (tomorrow) and Moondance, Derek Gifford and Monroe's Revenge (all playing on Friday).

Some of the attractions will require tickets, but many are free, as the town's venues come alive with a host of activities, from workshops to a craft fair.

There is a campsite a few minutes' walk from the town centre, but the more casual enthusiast can turn up any time of day for a wander around the charming streets to take in the atmosphere.

A Folk Week spokesman said: "During Folk Week, life in

Broadstairs really is set to music. In the parks, pubs, gardens and on the beaches and promenade there really is a festival vibe in the town.

"Everyone has a different Folk Week – ask 50 people what is their favourite part of the festival and they will each tell you something completely different.

"Whether you are a family looking for child-friendly events, the younger generation wanting to burn off some dance energy or singers and musicians seeking out a session, Folk Week has something for you."

### LINE-UP

#### Today

Doug Hudson  
Pama International  
Dronhe  
The Shee  
Steve Turner

#### Tomorrow

BouGaRaBou  
Trevor Stephenson  
Martin Simpson  
Boka Halat  
Chris Sherburn and Denny Bartley

#### Friday

Moondance  
Ade Edmondson and The Bad Shepherds  
Bob Hall  
Derek Gifford  
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**MUSIC FESTIVAL:** A montage from this year's Lounge on the Farm.



**BAND PRACTICE:** Zinta Egle and her band play Love With No Love.



### KENT UNSIGNED CHART

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**INDIAN SUMMER:** The magnificent Mehrangarh Fort towers over the city in the deserts of Rajasthan, known as the Land of the Kings

## yourgetaways



# Opulence meets deprivation in the deserts of Rajasthan

■ BY LIAM CREEDON

The Thar Desert, carpeting the emptiness of India's North West, is a vast, desolate, sand-blasted expanse, dominating Rajasthan – the Land of the Kings.

Here are some of India's most awe-inspiring natural and man-made spectacles, and travellers can explore this wilderness in a style befitting the Maharajas.

Built by the region's leading family, the Rathores, 600 years ago, the fort boasts opulent pleasure palaces, secluded courtyards and spiked, elephant-proof gates, providing the Maharajas with protection and a limitless view over their dust-blown kingdom – Marwar, the land of death.

And it is from the stomach-churning height of the fort that visitors experience a cultural revelation. The toy town far below appears to be blue.

Hundreds of rectangular, flat-roofed buildings have been daubed various shades of this colour, which denotes the home of a Brahmin – the highest caste.

In the city streets, life explodes in the cramped alleyways of the old town. Sacred cows nibble rubbish in doorways, bare-footed children vault open sewers, quick-fingered langur monkeys are chased from market stalls by kohl-eyed beauties veiled behind crimson saris.

Streets throb to the popping cough of motorised rickshaws, revving motorbikes, and conversations roar over the hullabaloo.

The delicious tang of cooking jalebis mixes with sewage, exhaust fumes and incense to form a thick gauze of scent, as appealing as it is appalling.

The chic Raas Hotel provides luxury and tranquility only yards from this chaotic excitement.

### FACT FILE: INDIA

Time difference	+Five hours (GMT)
Capital	New Delhi
Population	1.8 billion
Currency	Indian Rupee
Climate	Varied

Liam Creedon was a guest of Bales Worldwide. An eight-day Rajasthan itinerary costs from £2,745, including two nights at The Serai in Jaisalmer and two nights at the Rass in Jodhpur. Package includes return international/internal flights with Jet Airways, private transfers, sightseeing and some meals. Bales reservations: 0845 057 0600 and [www.balesworldwide.com](http://www.balesworldwide.com). British Airways connecting flights ex-Glasgow, Manchester from £42 each way.



Built in Jodhpur's signature rose-red sandstone, the boutique hotel boasts stunning sunset views of the Mehrangarh Fort glowering above. The muezzin's call to prayer echoes from the pastel rooftops as the fort glows in the sinking desert sun.

South of the city, the Mihirgarh Resort is opulent too: within the ochre, mud-styled battlements are nine luxury suites and a mini-temple, a perfect romantic hideaway.

But Rajasthan's soul lies in the desert, and many visitors explore the Thar's mystery from the back of a camel.

Getting on is the hard part: vaulting your leg over their tent-sized backs can demand bodily contortions.

But once you've conquered this irascible, spitting troublemaker, the animal rapidly propels you to the perfect height from which to appreciate the acacia-fringed sparseness of the dunes as they melt from gold to rust in the sinking sun.

You then spend a night under the star-smudged desert sky.

The area around Manvar is the spiritual home to the opium ceremony used by Rajput, Bishnoi and Marwari communities in the desert environs of Jodhpur.

Life is harsh in scattered desert villages. Precious seeds, grain and gourds prized from the earth are stacked carefully in mounds, while villages raise money by allowing tourists to inspect their way of life.

Further west, the city of Jaisalmer emerges from the desert like a dream. In the heat haze, it shimmers like a giant, mustard-coloured trifle.

Within 60 miles of the Pakistan border, the city is more brash and showy than Jodhpur.

Honey-hued sandstone lends Jaisalmer the title of "Golden City". Enclosed by a fort, the old town rises 80 metres into the air and is encrusted with endless battlements.

Inside, mind-bogglingly ornate Jain temples and sprawling havelis – merchants' homes – resemble a living museum.

This was India's magnetic, riotous pull and I was hooked.



## MOTORS NEWS



### Vauxhall raises stakes with lifetime warranty

AN ALL-OUT warranty war is on the cards after Vauxhall's offer of a 'lifetime warranty' on its cars, including the popular UK-built Astra.

To be precise, it applies to the first owner of the car and the first 100,000 miles, though Vauxhall says it has plans to allow second owners to purchase the warranty.

However, it is still the most comprehensive guarantee on the market and a riposte to the major peace of mind offers from Kia (seven years/100,000 miles), Hyundai (five/unlimited) and Toyota (five/100,000).



### Yeti scales the heights with awards accolade

SKODA'S Yeti crossover/SUV was named Car of the Year at the prestigious Auto Express magazine awards.

The top prize was one of five earned by the Czech manufacturer, with magazine editor David Johns praising the Yeti's versatility as both possible off-roader and compact MPV, without demanding "the dynamic or financial compromises usually associated with either."

He added: "The Skoda Yeti (from £13,990) mixes tough Tonka toy looks, sharp handling and a high-quality and spacious cabin with the brand's famed value-for-money pricing and service."



### Ferrari's pocket-rocket is the ultimate tribute

FANCY a cut-price Ferrari? Then check out this £30,000 Ferrari version of the Fiat 500, made by the Italian marque's sporting arm, Abarth.

Known as the 695 Tributo Ferrari, just 152 right-hand examples will be sold in the UK, complete with classic Ferrari red livery, carbon wing mirrors and grey alloys and front air intakes.

A 180bhp 1.4-litre turbocharged engine takes the pocket rocket to 62mph in seven seconds and a top speed of 140mph, yet it can still average more than 40mpg.



**TOO CLEVER BY HALF:** The Smart ForTwo cdi's green credentials are beyond doubt and it is a design masterpiece – yet the diesel engine (inset) provides a gruff and lumpy ride

# Diesel not such a Smart move – and here's why

APART from the few electric cars around, Smart's diesel version of its distinctive ForTwo coupe is the greenest production car on UK roads.

It offers parity on CO2 emissions with that paragon of eco-motoring, the Toyota Prius, and betters its average fuel consumption by around five mpg.

You could also buy two for the price of the Toyota and dodge around town and park more easily – providing you don't have to carry more than two people.

But a petrol Smart is an even smarter choice; the diesel (from £9,440) might be a masterpiece of compact engineering, but it's gruff and lumpy, especially when cold.

And it hates accelerating; the official time to 62mph is 16.8 seconds, but that seems optimistic and you soon learn to throttle back anyway to ease the racket.

If the diesel has a virtue, it is the extra weight deadening the pitching effect allowed by the car's short wheelbase when changing gear automatically. Familiarity with any

## ROAD TEST SMART FORTWO cdi

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

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Green rating	★★★★★

Smart teaches you to back off the throttle just before the gearbox changes up anyway, but I prefer to select the gears manually and let the car self-select only when in slow moving traffic. Despite its relative height, a Smart does not roll into bends as you might expect either and the diesel is even better planted.

Nevertheless, with the extra wear and tear on tyres and mechanicals – not to mention the nerves – it makes it hard to recommend the diesel to any but the committed town dweller.

And as many Smarts are bought as cheap-to-run second cars and consequently do fewer miles, this also argues against the fuel savings of the dearer diesel – just buy the petrol version. The Smart range now has a proper boot, with roll-top parcel shelf and two-part opening. For light items, you simply lift the glass upper tailgate; if loading bulkier stuff, you then drop the main tailgate – it is the perfect shopping trolley.

Unfortunately, a 20cm/eight inch increase in length stops you parking nose or tail into the kerb – the car seems to jut out just too far for comfort – and prices start at nearly £8,680, which is more than enough for a decent four-seat city car like the Fiat Panda.



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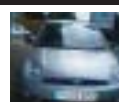
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The number of unsold homes per estate agent jumped by almost 25 per cent in the first half of 2010, as a surge in new sellers outstripped new mortgage approvals.

Commercial director, Miles Shipside, said: "Estate agents are suffering from podgy portfolios, and buyers' fitness to purchase is in correspondingly poor shape."

"With agents beginning to choke on a surfeit of new stock, sellers are going to have to price at bargain levels and bullishly promote their properties in order to stand out from the crowd."

According to Mr Shipside, sellers who act quickly could still benefit from some of the price gains made in the last 18 months, but they must market their properties realistically from the outset.

### New regulations could hit mortgage providers

THE introduction of new regulations to encourage responsible lending among mortgage providers is ill-timed, according to a leading industry body.

Responding to a consultation paper on the changes released by the Financial Services Authority (FSA), the Association of Mortgage Intermediaries (AMI) said it was concerned about the cumulative impact of the new rules.

AMI director Robert Sinclair explained: "Our main concern remains the timing of these changes and the further risk that we will make many families either property or mortgage prisoners."

"We are also concerned that we are seeing piece-meal introduction of the proposals, with aspects such as transitional arrangements not yet ready for consultation."

The proposals form part of a major review of the mortgage industry by the FSA, which is keen to impose affordability tests introduced for all mortgages to make the lender responsible for assessing a customer's ability to pay.



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# Lending crisis blamed for new fall in prices

■ BY NICK AMES

HOUSE prices fell 0.5 per cent in July for the first time since February, data from Nationwide's monthly house price index has shown.

Nationwide said this was due to the low number of properties changing hands across the UK, which is still running at only half the levels seen prior to the financial crisis and recession.

Average UK house prices in July were £169,347. The annual change has slipped from June's figure of 8.7 per cent to 6.6 per cent.

Demand from homebuyers has made little progress in building upon the recovery seen during much of 2009.

Martin Gahbauer, chief executive at Nationwide, blamed this on a combination of restrictive credit conditions and uncertainty about the future economic outlook.

He said: "Many potential buyers still lack the confidence to purchase their first home or trade up when faced with uncertainty over future income and employment prospects."

Although Mr Gahbauer is encouraged by the strong economic growth seen in April to June of 1.1 per cent, he said concerns about the medium-term impact of fiscal austerity on personal finances outweighs any potential optimism.

He said: "It will take several months to establish whether house prices are now simply oscillating around a flat price trend or whether a period of downward trending prices may be in store."

Bank of England figures show that mortgage approvals fell more than expected in



June and overall lending slowed, offering further evidence that the housing market is running out of steam following price rises last year.

The bank said net mortgage lending growth slowed to £665m in June from May's £838m while mortgage approvals fell to 47,643 in June from 49,461 in May.

"This is the first time the annual rate has turned negative since April last year, but it is

likely to remain so in future months as comparison is made with a stronger market towards the end of last year," said Paul Samter of the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

"Remortgaging activity also remains at exceptionally subdued levels. The low demand is being driven both by the lack of demand among existing borrowers enjoying low rates, and tighter criteria that may be constraining borrowers who do wish to remortgage."

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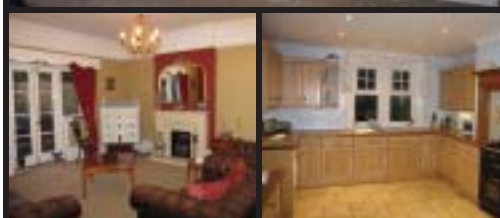
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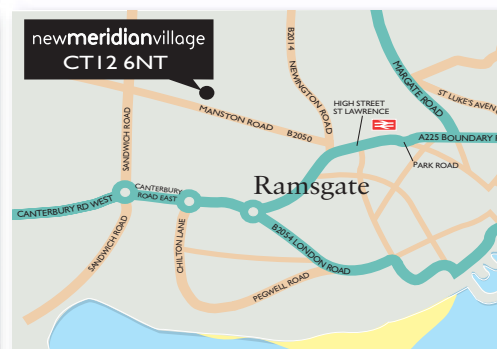
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## CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

## Kent League Division One

## Folkestone 1st XI v Sibton Park 1st XI

BALL dominated bat as Sibton Park beat neighbours Folkestone by six wickets to stay clear at the top of the Division One table.

Despite the comfortable victory Park's lead was trimmed to 12 points, with second-placed Blackheath taking a maximum haul from their trip to Whitstable.

Despite what looked like bowler-friendly conditions, Folkestone skipper Andy Bray opted to bat after winning the toss.

The home side got away to a reasonable start, with openers Thomas Cullen and Stuart Graham patiently putting on 24 before the former was bowled by Steven Rowe.

The breakthrough triggered a procession of Folkestone batsmen trooping back to the pavilion as the hosts slumped to 37 for 6. Rowe was the main architect, en route to figures of 5 for 20. One of his victims was Essex all-rounder Ryan ten Doeschate, who could only add a single to the total.

Only Bray could muster any determined resistance, making 16 not out, but it did nothing to prevent his side slipping to a disastrous 59 all out in the 25th over.

Park had not lost chasing down a total all season and they were not about to pass up the gift.

But their reply did not go entirely to plan, losing opener Tim Bishop and Ben Allon to ducks.

The low total meant they only needed one modest score to get over the line. It was provided by Steve Hickmott, who hit 24 not out to guide Park home safely.

They host Beckenham this Saturday, while Folkestone make the short trip to Sandwich Town.

## Derby goes Park's way as Folkestone fall away



COMFORTABLE: Sibton Park's batsmen knocked off the few runs they needed to beat Folkestone away at the weekend

## SCORE CARD

## Folkestone 1st XI

	Runs
Thomas Cullen b Rowe	10
Stuart Graham lbw b Meers	17
Himanshu Waingankar ct Rowe b Smith	4
Ryan Ten Doeschate lbw b Rowe	1
Nick Graham b Rowe	0
David Miles ct Hobbs b Rowe	0
Jamie Dawes ct Hobbs b Rowe	0
Andy Bray not out	16
Biff Sharrock b Meers	2
Michael James ct Hobbs b Meers	0
John Champion lbw b Meers	0
Extras (4b 3lb 2nb)	9
Total (all out, 24.1 overs)	59

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	9	6	20	5
Tim Smith	12	4	30	1
Gareth Meers	3.1	1	2	4

## Sibton Park 1st XI

	Runs
Tim Bishop ct Champion b Waingankar	0
Andy Allon ct Cullen b Champion	13
Tom Payne ct James b Waingankar	5
Ben Allon ct Sharrock b Dawes	0
Steve Hobbs not out	9
Steve Hickmott not out	24
Steven Rowe did not bat	
Gareth Meers did not bat	
Mark Dolson did not bat	
Tim Smith did not bat	
Daniel Lodge did not bat	
Extras (1b 5lb 3w)	9
Total (4 wickets, 27.3 overs)	60

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Michael James	8	3	18	0
Himanshu Waingankar	13	7	16	2
John Champion	6	2	16	2
Thomas Cullen	0.3	0	4	0

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

## Harvel 1st XI v Sandwich Town 1st XI

VISHAUL Singh continued his outstanding season with the bat as Sandwich Town beat basement side Harvel by 82 runs.

Singh top scored in the visitors' innings with 90 before he was run out, making him the Kent League's top run scorer so far this summer. It helped Sandwich reach a competitive 235 for 8 from their 50 overs.

Harvel have won just once in the league all season and apart from Daniel Walker (58) they offered little resistance. Sandwich skipper Matthew van Poppel took 5 for 38 to keep his side in the promotion mix.

## Sandwich Town 1st XI

	Runs
Craig Snell	1
David Scoggins	22
Robert Goatham	2
Vishaul Singh	90
Stuart Smith	44
Tom Chapman	0
John Ewart	21
Gavin Lawrence	7
Craig Spanton	11
Alan Amos	15
Matthew van Poppel	38
Extras	22
Total	235

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Desmond Bailey	15	4	35	6
James Marrable	12	0	73	1
Grant Rumbelow	7	1	32	0
Dominic Saunders	8	1	42	0
John-Jacob Britz	6	0	35	0
Daniel Walker	2	0	5	0

## Harvel 1st XI

	Runs
David Walker	2
Daniel Walker	58
Jesse Seven	18
Dominic Saunders	18
Robert McSweeney	0
Matt Britz	0
Fraser Forward +	0
Kent Rumbelow	0
Desmond Bailey	26
James Marrable	6
John-Jacob Britz	3
Extras	22
Total	153

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	10	0	25	1
Tom Chapman	5	0	26	1
Alan Amos	14	4	46	3
Matthew van Poppel	10	2	38	5

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

## Canterbury 1st XI v Hythe 1st XI

HYTHE'S chances of escaping relegation were dented as they could only muster a losing draw away to Canterbury.

The home side were put into bat and quickly seized control. Lochan Blunden removed Luke Samarasinghe cheaply but Neil Kimberley (121) and Paul Steer (89) batted Canterbury into an excellent position.

Chasing 259 for victory, Hythe's reply began badly as Blunden, Sam Butler and James Watson contributed only four runs between them. Tim Pichowski (34) and Andrew Maurice (33) offered some resistance, but the loss of wickets meant the visitors' ambitions were reduced to just avoiding defeat.

## Canterbury 1st XI

	Runs
Neil Kimberley	121
Luke Samarasinghe	18
Paul Steer	89
Daniel Dolman	1
Simon Smith	7
Justin Macvicar	7
Tim Wren	1
Phil Walker	5
Ben Cooper	0
Shaun O'Shea	0
Robert Marsh	0
Extras	9
Total	258

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andrew Maurice	10	2	42	1
Patrick Owen	5	1	27	0
Lochan Blunden	8	0	47	1
Jago Pearson	10	1	45	0
Stefan Pichowski	12	0	61	4
James Watson	3	0	14	0
Tom Homewood	2	0	21	0

## Hythe 1st XI

	Runs
Christopher Maurice	28
Lochan Blunden	4
Sam Butler	0
James Watson	0
Tim Pichowski	34
Christopher Slee	9
Andrew Maurice	33
Jago Pearson	16
Patrick Owen	10
Tom Homewood	4
Stefan Pichowski	0
Extras	12
Total	150

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Justin Macvicar	9	4	28	2
Tim Wren	14	8	24	2
Shaun O'Shea	7	4	14	1
Robert Marsh	4	1	13	0
Luke Samarasinghe	12	2	47	2
Ben Cooper	4	1	12	0

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

## Gravesend RF 1st XI v Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI

BETTESHANGER Colliery Welfare were just edged out as they lost to fellow mid-table side Gravesend RF by two wickets.

Put into bat in difficult conditions, the visitors struggled until Michael McNicholas arrived at the crease. His 62, along with a generous 35 in the extras column, ensured Betteshanger at least had a chance of defending their total.

Gravesend's top order all made contributions, but three wickets apiece for Liam Collins and Andrew McNicholas kept Betteshanger in the game. Heading into the latter stages any result was still possible, with Gravesend eventually hauling themselves over the line.

## Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI

	Runs
Clive Towe	19
Jamie Towe	1
Liam Collins	10
Chris Carton	15
Andrew McNicholas	6
Michael McNicholas	62
Martin Jones	0
Edward Dadd	9
Richard Dadd	5
Ross Scott	0
Paul Smith	0
Extras	35
Total	162

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Nigel Dee	5	1	13	1
Raj Rantharaj	10	3	23	0
Russ Wilde	11	2	35	3
Meguel Dee	6	2	13	0
Courteney Bam	9	0	50	3
Sukpal Singh Rana	9	1	19	1

## Gravesend RF 1st XI

	Runs
Dave Errington	19
Meguel Dee	13
Richard Ashley	46
Nigel Dee	35
Sukpal Singh Rana	0
Courteney Bam	16
Min Mann	15
Clagan Deep Singh	3
Raj Rantharaj	1
Steve Waghorn	1
Russ Wilde	0
Extras	14
Total	163

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andrew McNicholas	10	0	62	3
Martin Jones	6	1	28	1
Clive Towe	15	3	32	0
Liam Collins	15	5	27	3
Michael McNicholas	3	0	5	1

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE 2ND XI

## Wye 2nd XI v Walmer 2nd XI

WALMER 2nds remain on course for relegation as they could only take a losing draw from their clash with league leaders Wye 2nds.

On paper the fixture looked a mis-match and Robert Banks made the most of the opportunity, hitting 22 boundaries in a superb unbeaten knock of 154. Barry Green and Dan Ford took two wickets apiece as Wye declared on 235 for 6.

Rod Cotton (40) and Chris Burnap (49 not out) both found form with the bat in Walmer's reply, but they struggled to score quickly enough and finished well short of victory.

## Wye 2nd XI

	Runs
David Jules	31
Ian Davis	5
Robert Banks	154
Neil Williams	7
Richard Elgar	13
Adam Dodd	6
Adrian Frampton	3
Simon Long	0
Mark Shannon	0
Ian Lewis	0
Shelley Cope	0
Extras	16
Total	235

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Barry Green	15	0	72	2
Andy Grigg	15	2	39	1
Dan Ford	8	1	43	2
Paul Button	4	0	38	0
Rod Cotton	5.5	0	32	1

## Walmer 2nd XI

	Runs
Dan Ford	14
Rod Cotton	40
Eoin McGrath	13
Charlie Walsh	26
Barry Green	0
Chris Burnap	49
Andy Grigg	11
Mick Staples	0
Shay McGrath	0
Paul Button	0
Trevor Bond	0
Extras	20
Total	173

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ian Lewis	11	1	25	0
Adrian Frampton	12	4	22	2
Mark Shannon	9	4	20	2
Robert Banks	13	6	38	1
Simon Long	4	0	18	0
Richard Elgar	3	0	25	0
Ian Davis	1	0	14	0



# Hayes' Whites face tough opener at old foes Woking

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

DOVER Athletic's promotion push will face a stiff test this Saturday as they begin the new Conference South season with a trip to fellow title candidates Woking.

Martin Hayes' new-look Whites' have already been made the bookies' favourites to win the title this season before a ball has been kicked.

Woking will be considered among the candidates for promotion this season and have proven to be the Whites' bogey side after three defeats to the Cards last season.

The Surrey side ended Dover's hopes of promotion last season after a 2-1 aggregate defeat in the play-offs.

Hayes is aware of the recent record against Woking, but is more concerned about making a positive start to the new campaign.

He admitted although his side will be aiming for victory at Kingfield, a draw would represent a good result.

He said: "The first four games are all against tough opponents and Woking will be expected to be one of the sides at the sharp end of the division judging by the performance last year.

"It's important to get off to a good start, certainly. I know there have been a few defeats against them recently, but if we can go there



**LOOKING GOOD:** Elliott Charles (in blue) has agreed to join manager Martin Hayes' new-look Dover this season

and get a point that would be a good result. "Obviously a win would be a bonus, but we would like to come away with something."

The Whites will be boosted for their trip to Kingfield with four new signings.

Striker Elliott Charles, winger Harry Baker, midfielder Luke l'Anson and defender Jackson Ohakam have all agreed to join the club.

All four have featured for the Whites in pre-season and Baker, l'Anson and Charles have all done enough to earn one-year contracts from Hayes.

Baker has played just 45 minutes for the

Whites in pre-season, but the former Leyton Orient winger has quickly impressed the Dover boss. l'Anson and Charles bring a wealth of experience at Conference South level after spells with Bromley and Havant & Waterlooville respectively. Former Margate defender Ohakam has joined on a non-contract basis.

Hayes is expected to announce another new signing this week ahead of Saturday's game.

Dover completed their pre-season campaign with a 4-1 win against Cray Wanderers on Friday. A hat-trick from Adam Birchall and strike from l'Anson sealed the victory.



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

## FOOTBALL



Picture: NICK DUNNAN

**OPENER:** Deal (black and white) began with home win

## Deal kick-off season with narrow victory

### Deal Town 1 Lordswood 0

A SOLITARY strike from Jack Collins ensured Deal Town made a winning start to the new Kent League season as they edged past Lordswood at the Charles Sports Ground.

Derek Hares' side struggled to find their rhythm until the goal on 32 minutes, Collins turning the ball home after good build-up by Nick Bagley.

Deal welcomed back Aaron Robinson after a long injury lay-off and the hosts threatened a second goal before the interval, but failed to extend their lead.

At the other end, Richard Dimmock caused the home defence problems throughout the afternoon.

This Saturday sees Deal back in action as they hit the FA Cup trail with a home game against Sandhurst Town, of the Combined Counties League.

The Berkshire side also began their league season on Saturday, winning 3-1 at home to Epsom & Ewell.

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## Town fluff their lines as favourites

## FOOTBALL

### VCD Athletic 3 Hythe Town 2

North due to ground regulations, levelled through Karl Dent.

Further strikes from Jamie and Lewis Wood made it 3-1 with only 26 minutes on the clock.

Dave Cook pulled a goal back on the stroke of half-time, but Hythe could not find pull level after the break. Porter will be expecting an improvement as his side host Surrey side Bookham in the FA Cup this Saturday.

Elsewhere, Folkestone Invicta's

unbeaten pre-season campaign continued with a 2-2 draw at Leatherhead. The most pleasing factor for the travelling fans was a goal for Jimmy Dryden, who missed most of last season through injury.

The striker's effort made it 2-1, after Liam Dickson's opener was cancelled out, but the Tanners claimed a late equaliser to end Invicta's 100 per cent record in pre-season.

Folkestone, who played Ramsgate last night, still have ten days before their Ryman Premier season begins and continue their preparations with a trip to Whitstable Town on Saturday.

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